

BROKEN ARROW CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

September 10, 2008

The Broken Arrow City Council met in regular session in the City Hall Council Chambers on Wednesday, September 10, 2008, at 4:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Section Minutes: Mayor McCaleb called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present:	Philip Tucker, Craig Thurmond, Richard Carter, Mike Lester, Wade McCaleb
Absent:	None

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Section Minutes: Mayor McCaleb led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4. General Council Business

A. Discussion regarding 2008 General Bond Issue

Item Minutes: City Manager Jim Twombly presented the item and reviewed some of the parameters Council had agreed on in March 2008: approving the bond issue language by the first meeting in October in order to hold the election in December 2008; Councils' commitment to keeping the levy rate between 15 and 16 mils; scaling back the term of the bond issue from 5-6 years to 2-3 years; criteria for qualifying partners in joint projects; project cost estimates and building in adequate contingency funding to cover cost over runs; and the public input process differing from that of the previous Bond Committees.

Public Safety - \$5,400,000

The Animal Shelter is at a 1980 standard and quite heavily worn. Police and staff are in agreement to build new instead up repairing. This will allow a more state of the art building.

The Mobile Data system will provide mobility for Police, Code Inspectors, Fire and other employees to be able to access data and records from their vehicles.

Parks/Quality of Life - \$13,580,000

New facilities include a Festival/Events Park of approximately 80 acres with good access to arterials and highways; Community Park land acquisition and master plan for south or southwest section of Broken Arrow; and purchasing Southside Elementary School for an Art Center.

Improvements to existing facilities include adding 4 fields to Arrowhead Park and removing fields at Central Park; Indian Springs Sports Complex will have baseball and soccer field light replacement, completion of the current restroom/concession stand, and 3 new restroom/concession stands; Nienhuis Park road and parking lot completion, install trails system, playground expansion, and installation of lights on the flag football fields.

Ray Harrall Park funds will address parking, erosion control and trails.

Stormwater - \$3,000,000

Projects include drainage system improvements including trails for Haikey Creek from Olive to Aspen; Adams Creek from Kenosha to Albany; Wolf Creek from Olive to Aspen; and Buford Park from Kenosha to Houston. Additional funding will be used for a drainage study of Adams Creek.

Streets - \$13,935,000

The street design project includes funding for a Master Street Design Plan for Old Town from Elm to 9th and Kenosha to Houston.

New construction includes a project for Elm Place from Kenosha to Houston.

Intersection improvements are included for the Elm and Houston intersection and the Aspen and Houston intersection.

Arterial improvements are included for Elm Place from New Orleans to Florence.

Subdivision street improvements include Indian Springs for Jasper and Estate; Vandever West for New Orleans and Lions; Silver Tree for New Orleans and Oak; Stacy Lynn 5 for Washington and Pine; Copper Creek for Washington and Fir; Country Aire for Aspen and Commercial; Carriage Crossing for Albany and 16th; Marlborough for 193rd E. Avenue and 46th Street South; and Sunrise Estates for 209th E. Avenue and 36th Street South

Public Buildings - \$7,000,000

Land purchase for the Eastside Recreation Center was provided for in 2004. This portion of the 2008 Bond would build a YMCA in partnership with the Broken Arrow Public Schools and the YMCA.

Other Improvements - \$3,000,000

A General Obligation Limited Term Bond (GOLT Bond) is used to facilitate economic development. This type of bond has been utilized several times by Oklahoma City. More information will be gathered to see if this type of bond will be useful at this time.

Mr. Twombly requested input from Council on their comfort level with each category payout and if there is anything not on the list which should be included. Mr. Twombly will do a presentation on bonds to the Chamber of Commerce on September 23, 2008 and would like Council's input prior to that date. Mr. Twombly would like to schedule Town Hall meetings prior to the October 7, 2008 Council meeting. Councilman Thurmond suggested the City publicize the format of the public input opportunities for the 2008 Bond.

5. **Adjournment**

Motion:	Move to adjourn.
Motion by:	Craig Thurmond
Second by:	Richard Carter
Ayes:	Philip Tucker, Craig Thurmond, Richard Carter, Mike Lester, Wade McCaleb
Nays:	None

The meeting was adjourned at the noted time of 6:00 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk